

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 941 - SB 1335

March 24, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to provide at least 24 hours prior notification for certain inspections. Requires inspectors to provide identification prior to inspection or testing. Requires TDEC inspectors to have training equivalent to the level of water or wastewater operations inspected. Limits the scope of TDEC inspections to the items covered by the inspecting division.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures –

\$1,074,200/One-Time/FY09-10

\$153,400/Recurring/FY10-11 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- According to the Department, in order for staff to meet the prerequisite experience for such certification, there would be an average cost of \$5,100 per month per staff member (average salary of an ES3 and EPS3 = \$4,113/month and an average benefits cost of \$987).
- Breakdown of the total first year cost of \$1,074,150 is as follows:
 - Total salary and benefits ($\$5,100 \times 6 = \$30,600 \times 35$ staff = \$1,071,000).
 - Cost for application fee - \$2,275 (35 staff x \$65).
 - Cost for annual license fee - \$875 (35 staff x \$25).
- Second year costs of \$153,450 assume five new staff members will be trained each year.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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